

**NC Department of Commerce**  
**Workforce Monthly Activity**  
**November 2012**

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		Current Month NOV 12	LABOR MARKET INFORMATION	Prior Month <sup>1</sup> OCT 12
<b>Dempsey Benton</b> <i>Assistant Secretary</i>		7.7%	U. S. Unemployment Rate	7.9%
<b>Stephanie McGarrah</b> <i>Assistant Secretary</i>		9.1%	North Carolina Unemployment Rate	9.3%
		4,735,812	Size of North Carolina Civilian Labor Force	4,709,500
		4,304,088	Number of workers employed in North Carolina	4,269,204
<b>Roger J. Shackleford</b> <i>Assistant Secretary</i>		431,724	Number of workers unemployed in North Carolina	440,296
		3,995,700	Estimated Nonfarm Employment in North Carolina	3,965,100
		NOV 12	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) ACTIVITY <sup>2</sup>	OCT 12
		594,199	Individuals receiving one or more UI payments – 2011 (All programs)	594,199
		100,946	Individuals receiving UI benefits – Nov. 2012	99,984
		331,084	Weeks of UI paid in Nov. 2012	353,928
		\$1.4 Billion	Amount paid in UI – 2011	\$1.4 Billion
		\$94.7 Million	Amount paid in UI – Nov. 2012 <sup>3</sup>	\$102.6 Million
		\$46.0 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier I – Nov. 2012 <sup>4</sup>	\$51.8 Million
		\$25.7 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier II – Nov. 2012 <sup>4</sup>	\$27.1 Million
		\$15.9 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier III – Nov. 2012 <sup>4</sup>	\$19.7 Million
		\$13.6 Million	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EUC Tier IV – Nov. 2012 <sup>4</sup>	\$10.2 Million
		\$17,877	Amount paid in Federal Benefits – EB – Nov. 2012 <sup>5</sup>	\$15,709
		\$0	Amount NC paid in Extended Benefits – EB – Nov. 2012 <sup>5</sup>	\$0
		\$280.19	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount – 2011	\$280.19
		\$285.98	Average Weekly UI Benefit Amount – Nov. 2012	\$289.93
		\$46 / \$535	Minimum/Maximum amount of UI benefits (per week) – Nov. 2012	\$46 / \$535
		16.3 Weeks	Average Duration (Oct. 2011 – Sep. 2012)	16.3 Weeks
		25 <sup>th</sup> (Lowest)	Duration Ranking (Oct. 2011 – Sep. 2012)	25 <sup>th</sup> (Lowest)
		\$1.5 Billion	Total collected in UI Taxes in 12-month period ending Nov. 2012	\$1.5 Billion
		\$1.3 Billion	Total paid in UI Benefits in 12-month period ending Nov. 2012	\$1.3 Billion
		-\$2.5 Billion	Trust Fund Balance – Nov. 30, 2012	-\$2.5 Billion
		\$2.5 Billion	Federal Loan Balance – Nov. 30, 2012	\$2.5 Billion
		\$67.2 Million	State Reserve Balance – Nov. 30, 2012	\$46.7 Million
		NOV 12	EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY	OCT 12
		27,458	New & Renewed Jobseekers – Nov. 2012	32,370
		363,259	New & Renewed Jobseekers for PY (Jul. 2011 – Jun. 2012)	363,259
		162,497	New & Renewed Jobseekers - Y-T-D (Jul. 2012 - Nov. 2012)	137,027
		50,428	Jobseekers provided service – Nov. 2012 <sup>6</sup>	59,906
		34,232	Jobseekers referred to jobs – Nov. 2012 <sup>6</sup>	41,317
		139,549	Total Services provided – Nov. 2012	171,603
		13,391	Job Openings listed – Nov. 2012	16,827
		202,588	Job Openings listed for PY (Jul. 2011 – Jun. 2012)	202,588
		88,357	Job Openings listed - Y-T-D (Jul. 2012 - Nov. 2012)	74,966
		989	Claimants entering employment through ES <sup>7</sup> – Nov. 2012	1,245
		5,239	Claimants entering employment through ES <sup>7</sup> - Y-T-D (Jul. 2012 – Nov. 2012)	4,293
		5,051	Jobseekers entering employment through ES – Nov. 2012	6,246
		29,990	Jobseekers entering employment through ES - Y-T-D (Jul. 2012 – Nov. 2012)	25,380

<sup>1</sup> Data in this column represent prior month, prior quarter or prior year data; i.e., prior year equals 2011 data.

<sup>2</sup> Regular UI benefits unless otherwise noted.

<sup>3</sup> Includes benefits paid according to the federal ETA 5159 Claims and Payment Activities Report.

<sup>4</sup> Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) provides up to 53 weeks of 100% federally funded compensation.

<sup>5</sup> Extended Benefits program (EB) provides 80% or up to a maximum of 20 weeks of extended unemployment insurance benefits.

<sup>6</sup> Totals for *Jobseekers provided service* and *Jobseekers referred to jobs* represent the number of customers who, during the report month, received a reportable service or were referred to employment for the first time since the beginning of the Program Year (July 1, 2012).

<sup>7</sup> Individuals who filed a claim for unemployment benefits through a local office.

# Highlights

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The Department of Commerce, Division of Employment Security (DES) processed a total of 409,419 Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance in November 2012, down 5.8 percent from October (434,608) and down 13.2 percent from November a year ago (471,856).

November's statewide Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR), at 2.5 percent, was unchanged from the prior month and dropped below the 2.9 percent of November 2011.

There were 60,805 state UI Initial Claims (excluding Interstate Liable, UCX and UCFE) filed in November 2012, up 2.9 percent from the prior month's total of 59,118. Compared with November 2011 (64,622), Initial Claims' volume decreased 5.9 percent.

During the third quarter 2012, North Carolina's average duration of Weeks claimed for Unemployment Insurance benefits remained at 16.3 weeks, equal to Texas. The national average remained constant at 17.3 weeks during this time period. During the same quarter, states with lower duration weeks were: North Dakota, 11.6 weeks; Georgia and South Carolina, 13.3; Indiana, 13.6; Idaho, Iowa and Nebraska, 13.8; Utah, 13.9; Vermont, 14.3; Alabama, 14.7; New Hampshire and Wyoming, 14.8; South Dakota, 14.9; Arkansas, 15.1; Missouri, 15.2; Michigan and West Virginia, 15.3; Colorado and Maine, 15.4; Kansas and Mississippi, 15.7; Tennessee and Virginia, 15.9; and Virgin Islands, 16.1.

During November 2012, 57 counties reported a decrease in the IUR, while 40 reported an increase and three were unchanged. When comparing current rates to November 2011, 88 counties reported a decrease in the IUR, while 10 reported an increase and two remained the same. Counties with the lowest rates in November 2012 were: Orange, 0.92 percent; Durham, 1.22 percent; Wake and Watauga, 1.55 percent; Buncombe, 1.63 percent; and Forsyth, 1.77 percent. Counties with the highest rates in November 2012 were: Graham, 7.91 percent; Yancey, 7.84 percent; Perquimans, 7.48 percent; Caswell, 6.41 percent; and Washington, 5.40 percent.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was at a deficit of \$2,468,976,893 on Nov. 30, 2012. Since Jan. 1, 2012, the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund improved \$197,112,757. During November, DES collected \$169,602,601 in Unemployment Insurance taxes assessed to employers. The Federal Loan had a balance of \$2,473,363,983, and the State Reserve Fund had a balance of \$67,160,755.

As of Sept. 30, 2012, there were 196,534 covered employers in the state compared to 196,962 at the end of the prior quarter, and 194,542 at the end of September a year ago.

Claimants in November 2012 were paid \$94,685,033 in unemployment benefits. The weekly average payment per claimant without earnings was \$297.67, a decrease of 1.0 percent from the prior month (\$300.81). This average increased 2.6 percent from November 2011 (\$290.06). Claimants receiving first payments in November totaled 22,975, a 1.2-percent increase from October (22,694) and a 9.3-percent decrease from the November 2011 level (25,333). Claimants exhausting benefit rights numbered 11,233, for a decrease of 8.1 percent from October's volume (12,229), and fell 10.4 percent from the November 2011 volume (12,538).

There were 27,458 new and renewed jobseekers in November 2012, down 15.2 percent from the prior month's total of 32,370, and 6.0 percent from the November 2011 level (29,225). Jobseekers provided services through local offices in November numbered 50,428, a 15.8-percent decrease from October (59,906) and 4.6 percent from the November 2011 level (52,881). Jobseekers referred to jobs by local offices in November totaled 34,232, a 17.1-percent decrease from the prior month (41,317), and a 1.4-percent increase from the November 2011 level (33,760). Total services provided through local offices in November was 139,549, fell 18.7 percent from October (171,603), and rose 10.6 percent from November a year ago (126,127).

Job Openings listed with local offices in November 2012 totaled 13,391, a 20.4-percent decrease from the prior month (16,827) and a 15.5-percent increase from November 2011 (11,595).

In November 2012, there were 989 claimants who filed for unemployment benefits through a local office and, subsequently, entered employment — a 20.6-percent decrease from the prior month (1,245) and a 62.7-percent increase from the November 2011 volume (608). In November 2012, there were 5,051 jobseekers that entered employment as a result of services obtained through a local office — 19.1 percent less than October (6,246) and 2.7 percent lower than November 2011 (5,193).